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SERIAL NO. 09/586,307
FILING DATE: June 2, 2000
INVENTION: "Massage Device"

ATTORNEY: DOCKET NO. 9741620-0157
GROUP ART UNIT: 3764
EXAMINER: Unknown

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED US PATENT REFERENCES

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II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

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III. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

It is respectfully requested that the above-listed patents and publications be given consideration by the Examiner and made of record in the subject patent application.

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